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All honor to the emphatic Christian sentiment of England which distinctly defeated an attempt to start the Sunday paper in London. Not a single one of the great dailies in the metropolis of the world is issued on Sunday. It was left to New York and Chicago, which for iniquity rival Paris and Sodom, to set on foot this devil's kitchen, this swine trough, that thousands of people might be bestialized in every fibre of mind and soul on the very day set apart for the higher and holier life, for religious contemplation, for the study of the Bible, for the worship of God.

Editorial Briefs

A Lost Paradise

It was Longfellow who wrote:

Every man has a paradise around him until he sins, and the angel of an accusing conscience drives him from his Eden. And then there are holy hours, when his angel sleeps, and man comes back, and with the innocent eyes of a child looks into his lost paradise again.

These words are beautiful and impressive. What an Eden the life unstained by wilful sin is! And with what remorse must one look upon a lost paradise! The necessity of thinking of spiritual things, and of doing deeds of which the angels need not be ashamed cannot be too strongly impressed upon the minds of the young. "Thoughts are deeds and may become crimes."

"As Thy Days"

When a day passed without his having done a good deed, the Emperor Titus said, "I have lost a day." If the minutes, the hours and the days were measured by the good we do in them, it is probable that many of them would be lost to us.

It is the way in which we spend our days, not the number of them, that makes us strong. God says, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Each day offers opportunities for doing good. So

no one has excuses for not building up character. J. R. Miller writes:

No day is too short for one good deed. If every day stood for one good deed, what a stupendous benefaction a human life would be!

Fault Finding

Henry Ward Beecher said, "Every man ought to keep a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his neighbor." Some people keep such cemeteries, but there are many who have built galleries in which to display their neighbor's faults as an artist would his pictures. Fault finding causes heart-aches and ill feelings. If it were stopped, glad sunshine would stream into many a desolate place.

Gold Dust

In the south of France the poor search the beds of dried-up rivers for gold dust which the water has carried with it and dropped in places. Little kindnesses, wise counsels, smiles and cheering words of friends, and the hundred little blessings bestowed daily, all these make up the gold dust of life. As the peasants search for this dust in the river beds, so we should look for the gold dust in our lives. There is much of it and it is invaluable and we need not search far to find it.

"Pray And Hustle"

Will Carleton has given to the young this maxim as a guide to success, "Pray and hustle." It is a homely bit of advice, but it comes from a great heart and should appeal to the great-hearted. Think what the poet really meant by these words and you will find that they really form a true guide for a complete life. Prayer, in a broad sense, means devotion to duty, the life of the soul and the power given by God. Hustling means the purpose and the power to do something for the world. Would that it might be said of each one of us as it was of Admiral Farragut that "he prayed as tho everything depended upon God and worked as tho everything depended upon himself." Oh, the power and the grandeur of a life guided by such principle!

The Shadow We Cast

A good life lived quietly and without applause will still be renowned because of its blessed influence and will receive the fame that endures. It is a wonderful thing and it is heavenly to live among the truly good. Which one of us has not felt the uplifting power and the beautiful influence of a noble soul with whom he has been associated?

"They even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that, as Peter came by, at the least his shadow might overshadow some of them." So may our lives breathe such a healing influence that there may be souls eager to lie in the shadow we cast.

Our Life

One small life in God's great plan,
How futile it seems as the ages roll,
Do what it may, or strive how it can,
To alter the sweep of the infinite whole.
A single stitch in an endless web,
A drop in the ocean's flow and web,
But the pattern is rent where the stitch is lost,
Or marred where the tangled threads have crossed;
And each life that fails of its true intent
Mars the perfect plan that its Master meant.
—Susan Coolidge.

Personal Mention

Brother L. O. Hubbard reports one accession to the Darwin, Indiana church.

Brother C. F. Yoder reports one accession at Warsaw, Ind., last Sunday evening.

Brother J. L. Bowman writes that two more worthy ones have been added by letter to the Vinco, Pa. church.

Brother J. D. McFaden has taken one into the church at Carleton, Neb., by baptism since his previous report.

Brother Dyoll Belote and mother who have spent their summer vacation at their old home in Indiana returned to Ashland last Saturday. We are glad to welcome the familiar faces of our old college friends.

Professor W. D. Furry and wife returned to Ashland last Monday. They remained until Wednesday when they, with Brother and Sister Keim and others left for National Conference at Winona Lake.

Three more additions to the Johnstown, Pennsylvania church are reported by brother E. E. Haskins. We are glad to note that Brother Haskins still continues in his good work for the Y. M. C. A., among the soldiers.

The paper entitled "Ruth" which appears in this issue was written by Mrs. Ira D. Slotter, the wife of the faithful foreman of the EVANGELIST office. The paper was read at a monthly meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of which Mrs. Slotter is a prominent member.

The Johnstown, Pa., Brethren church has organized a "Mutual Benefit Association." We are indebted to brother S. A. Snook for a copy of the constitution of the society. From the reading of this constitution we must conclude that the society has a very lofty purpose and will doubtless result in great good.

Brother and sister Samuel Lichty and little daughter Ruth of Falls City, Neb., were welcome visitors in the editor's home from Tuesday until Thursday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Lichty are staunch friends of the college and in fact of all the institutions of the church. Their stay among us was greatly enjoyed and we regret only its brevity. To-day they too went to National Conference.

A letter of August 22, from brother Wm. Lyon says: On Sunday morning, August 18, I preached in the German Baptist church at Greenland, W. Va. It was their regular appointment. In the evening I preached in the Presbyterian church at the same place. I expect to return to Washington the last of the week to get ready for National Conference.

Five have recently been added to the Dunlaps, Indiana church. Is there not something of significance and encouragement in Brother Bemenderfer's saying of these, "They subscribed for the EVANGELIST on the same day they were baptized?" We know some persons who have been church members for years and have never subscribed for their church paper.

We wish to call attention to brother George C. Carpenter's article appearing under the Young People's department of this issue. The article glows with great and good thoughts that ought to be meditated upon by every young person. We wish also to mention brother F. B. Yoder's stirring words for Ashland College. We admire Brother Yoder's loyal college spirit and hope his words may prove seed that will yield abundant fruit for the school.